

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 38-14.1-17 of
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to notice to owners of subsurface rights of the release
3 of surface coal mining performance bonds.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 38-14.1-17 of the
6 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 b. Copies of letters which the permittee has sent to all owners of surface rights
8 within the permit area proposed for bond release, ~~all owners of subsurface~~
9 ~~rights within the permit area proposed for bond release,~~ adjoining property
10 owners, state agencies specified in subsection 2 of section 38-14.1-21, heads
11 of local governmental bodies, including the county commissioners and mayors
12 of municipalities, planning agencies, sewage and water treatment authorities,
13 and water companies in the locality in which the surface coal mining and
14 reclamation operations took place, notifying them of the permittee's intention
15 to seek release from the bond. ~~Such~~ The letters must also contain notice of
16 the right to file written objections and request an informal conference or a
17 public hearing as specified in subsection 2.